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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

**MAIL STOP RCE**  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	10/705,233
Confirmation Number	3543
Filing Date	November 12, 2003
First Named Inventor	Tomohiro WAKABAYASHI
Group Art Unit	2839
Examiner Name	Thanh Tam T. LE
Matter Number	Q78419
Title	FERRULE AND OPTICAL COUPLING STRUCTURE USING THE SAME

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
- i.  Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
  - iv.  Petition for Extension of Time
  - v.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

Please charge the RCE statutory fee of \$790.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Signature John M. Bird Date June 21, 2005



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q78419

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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